

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

*Amendments*

*In the Specification:*

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 4 with the following paragraph:

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 09/423,783 filed November 12, 1999 which is the U.S. National Stage of PCT Application PCT/EP97/05251, filed September 24, 1997 which claims the benefit of the filing date of the U.S. Application No. 08/719,806, filed September 25, 1996. This application is also a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 09/795,292 filed January 14, 1999 (converted to a U.S. Non-Provisional Application from U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/115,920, filed January 14, 1999) which is a continuation-in-part of PCT Application PCT/EP97/05251, filed September 24, 1997 which claims the benefit of the filing date of the U.S. Application No. 08/719,806, filed September 25, 1996. The contents of each application are incorporated herein by reference.